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this desire for large numbers is not to be entirely condemned, since the high schools have hitherto depended upon numbers for support, it would be just as well to pay taxes for the few that are mentally better endowed. Tax-payers should be willing to pay something for the training of superior brains.

If the American public wants a "Poeple's College" it should accustom itself to seek compensation, not in numbers, but in the advantage which the commonwealth may derive from those who are really benefited by a rational high school system.

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## Grossmütterlein.

1. In die stille Kammer gleitet
Trauter Abendschein;
Müd' nach kleinen, schlichten Bildern
Schaut Grossmütterlein.
2. Lichte Bilder von den Wänden
Lächeln hier herab,
Dunkle zwischen welken Kränzen
Locken dort zum Grab.
3. Seufzend, sinnend sitzt die Alte. —
Nun sie wieder strickt. —
Mählich, mondenscheinumflossen,
Ruht sie — träumt — und nickt.
4. Lautlos sinkt ihr Garn zu Boden.
Still wird's im Kamin.
Wie sie lächelt! Holde Geister
Sie wohl leis umzieh'n.

H. G. Noelling.